

Along with other residents of Maryland's Sixth District, I am grateful for the generosity of Turkish Americans and their gracious support to our fellow Marylanders. These PPE deliveries complement shipments made by the Turkish Republic, which sent two military cargo plane loads of PPE to the United States, including surgical masks, surgical suits, disinfectant, goggles, N-95 masks, and face shields. Our frontline healthcare workforce has been heroic throughout this pandemic, and I am heartened to see contributions like those made by the Turkish American community.

As TASC says, "Be Negative on COVID, Stay Positive on Life."

HONORING MICHAEL LEAVITT

HON. MICHAEL C. BURGESS

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, August 28, 2020

Mr. BURGESS. Madam Speaker, I rise today to honor the professional achievements and service of Michael Leavitt, City Manager for the City of Highland Village, Texas. Mr. Leavitt is retiring following more than thirty-three years of exemplary service to the public.

Upon graduation from Truman University in Kirksville, Missouri with a B.S. in Industrial Science, Mr. Leavitt worked for the cities of Kirksville, Missouri and Denton, Texas. In 2000, Leavitt moved to the City of Highland Village, first serving as the public works director followed by his appointment as City Manager in 2003.

A true advocate for public safety and fiscal responsibility, Leavitt spearheaded the transformation from a volunteer fire department to a full-time professional department. Under his leadership as City Manager, the ad valorem tax rate was reduced, and tax exemptions increased by fifty per-cent for those with a disability and those over the age of 65. Through his capable direction, sales tax revenue has grown from just over \$400,000 in 2003 to \$4 million in 2020, accomplishing a goal set by the City Council to increase funding available for city improvement. This tremendous growth was spurred by the construction and development of premier dining and shopping districts: The Marketplace at Highland Village and The Shops at Highland Village.

The quality of life for Highland Village residents has been raised during his tenure as City Manager. Leavitt has overseen extensive improvements to the City's recreation infrastructure with the addition and growth of the City's biking and walking trails and the purchase and development of the City's principal park, Doubletree Ranch Park. While local in nature, many of these projects also involved federal interests where I was honored to work with Mr. Leavitt and the City. Among these included the continuation and expansion of FM 2499 and the widening of I-35 East, a priority project I worked with Mr. Leavitt, local leaders and Deputy Secretary of Transportation Thomas Barrett to highlight during a media day from Highland Village's Copperas Branch Park. A couple of years later in 2010, I worked with Mr. Leavitt and the Highland Village Police Department to secure 707 Highland Village Road. Ultimately deeded to the City as an outcome of an IRS seizure involving federal

charges of racketeering, obscenity, fraud and income tax evasion, it allowed City Manager Leavitt the opportunity to replace a home that had attracted criminal activity to this beautiful lakeside community with its first lakeside park. Only a couple of years later, the Double Tree Ranch, another city park improved in large part through Mr. Leavitt's coordinated efforts with myself and local officials, was the appropriate site in 2017 to finally celebrate the Phase 1 completion of the I-35E project.

Michael Leavitt has been an outstanding public servant to the residents and businesses of Highland Village. His professional leadership, innovative vision, and passion for excellent customer service will be missed throughout his community and all of North Texas. On behalf of the 26th District, I wish him the best in his next stage of life.

REMEMBERING AND HONORING
JOHN E. "JACK" HARDMAN

HON. EARL L. "BUDDY" CARTER

OF GEORGIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, August 28, 2020

Mr. CARTER of Georgia. Madam Speaker, I rise today to remember and honor the life of John E. "Jack" Hardman of Glynn County.

Jack was a loyal friend and leader who served others with selfless devotion. He attended college in France and New Mexico, where he served as class president. After he received his degree from The Hiram Scott College in Nebraska, he moved to Brunswick, Georgia and was employed in the radio broadcasting business for the Wiggins family. When he worked in radio, he was known as Jack Pride, and managed three different radio stations in Georgia and Florida.

Jack worked for Nationwide Insurance starting in 1984, and he retired in 2018 after 34 years. He took his leadership skills to new heights when he served on the Glynn County Board of Commissioners for two terms, and he was appointed as Chairman in 1995.

Jack was a founding shareholder of the Atlantic National Bank and served on the Board for the Georgia Underwriting Association for many years.

He was also an accomplished fisherman and a Licensed Master Captain.

My thoughts and prayers are with his family, friends, and everyone who knew him during this most difficult time.

TRIBUTE TO BIZ STEINBERG—
CALIFORNIA'S 24TH CONGRESSIONAL WOMEN OF THE YEAR

HON. SALUD O. CARBAJAL

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, August 28, 2020

Mr. CARBAJAL. Madam Speaker, each year, through the Women of the Year Award, my office extends special recognition to women on the Central Coast who have made a difference in our community. I would like to recognize one outstanding Women of the Year Award recipient, Biz Steinberg, of San Luis Obispo, California.

Biz Steinberg has been contributing to this community and county since the early 1970's.

She currently serves as CEO of Community Action Partnership (CAPSLO), a position she has held since 1984. Biz has been involved with many boards throughout the years including the National Head Start Association, National Migrant and Seasonal Head Start Association, Workforce Development Board of San Luis Obispo, Housing Authority San Luis Obispo, The Children's Services Network, the Mission Community Services Corporation, and the Child Development Policy Institute Education Board. In her quest to better the community, Biz helped develop the Adult Day Centers, Health Services, Homeless Services, and Energy Conservation branches of CAPSLO.

Biz has been recognized by multiple organizations for her incredible work, including the Commission on the Status of Women, SLO County Children's Services Network, and the National Heads Start Association. Biz Steinberg is an outstanding activist who is working to establish sustainable community centers with a special focus on youth and women. Biz's work to support the population of San Luis Obispo has been a tremendous asset to members of our community in need.

I ask all Members to join me today in honoring an exceptional woman of California's 24th Congressional District, Biz Steinberg, for her incredible service to her community.

CONGRATULATING DR. MARK
PETERS

HON. MICHAEL K. SIMPSON

OF IDAHO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, August 28, 2020

Mr. SIMPSON. Madam Speaker, I rise today to thank Dr. Mark Peters for his excellent service as Director at Idaho National Laboratory. After nearly five years of capable leadership, Dr. Peters has accepted a position as Executive Vice President for Laboratory Operations for the Battelle Memorial Institute. I wish him well in this new endeavor and take comfort that he will continue to have a role in oversight, not just at INL, but each of the national laboratories managed by Battelle.

Dr. Peters spent considerable time on Capitol Hill and many of you have gotten to know him and rely upon his expertise.

One of the benefits of representing a Department of Energy national laboratory is you get to meet and work with some of our nation's best and brightest. Intelligent and driven people come to these crown jewels of science and innovation and contribute so much to our economic prosperity and national security.

Mark's service at INL is an example of operational excellence, energy innovation, and national security impact.

Under Dr. Peters' leadership, INL has delivered on the grand challenges we ask of our national labs. Since Mark arrived at INL on Oct. 1, 2015, the laboratory has helped push forward development and demonstration of advanced nuclear technologies and deployed new capabilities to secure our nation's critical infrastructure from cyberattack.

Mark's vision and ability to bring people together allowed INL's clean energy program to expand and contribute to new and exciting areas. I'm talking integrated energy systems, advanced manufacturing, biomass upgrades, and so much more.